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SUBJECT: BOTSWANA BEEF: HOOF AND MOUTH

REF: (A) GABORONE 0105 AND PREVIOUS, (B) HOWARD/HOOVER

TELECON OF 1/18/78

1. IN JANUARY 19TH TELEPHONE CONVERSATION, EMBOFF ASKED DIRECTOR OF VETERINARY SERVICES, DR. FALCONER, WHETHER GOB HAD MADE ANY PROGRESS IN GETTING THE EEC TO REDUCE THE 12-MONTH PERIOD WHICH MUST LAPSE BETWEEN THE LAST CASE OF HOOF AND MOUTH INFECTION AND THE TIME WHEN THE ABATTOIR CAN RESUME SLAUGHTERING ANIMALS FROM THE STRICKEN AREAS. (VICE PRESIDENT MASIRE TOLD THE NATION THAT THE GOB WAS CURRENTLY NEGOTIATING WITH THE EEC ON THIS MATTER.)

2. FALCONER REPLIED SIMPLY THAT NO GOB-EEC NEGOTIATIONS COULD TAKE PLACE UNTIL THE FOOT AND MOUTH HAS BEEN WHIPPED (WHICH IT HASN'T) AND THE LAST CASE OF INFECTION HAS OCCURRED. HE ADDED THAT BRITAIN AND THE EEC WERE NOW VERY WARY OF ACCEPTING ANY BOTSWANA BEEF EVEN FROM THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UNAFFECTED AREAS. DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE ABATTOIR HAD RESUMED PRODUCTION (SEE REFTTEL), THE ONLY COUNTRY TO ACCEPT BEEF SHIPMENTS SO FAR WAS SOUTH AFRICA. FALCONER SAID, HOWEVER, THAT RECENT SWISS AND FRENCH VETERINARIAN VISITORS HAVE JUST DEPARTED AND WILL RECOMMEND THAT THE EEC RESUMES IMPORTS OF MEAT COMING FROM THE UNAFFECTED AREAS IN THE SOUTH OF BOTSWANA.

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